

Brother Beane does not desire this as ^{an} honor, but since he goes, it seems better that he should appear there "by authority," than as a spectator.

He is one of our best men, & if he goes, he will faithfully represent this Sem, as well as the Society. Dea Abbott is going, & also John Smith. I know of no others of whom there is much probability.

Desiring that God will bestow wisdom, abundantly on all those sincerely engaged in this cause, & grace to preserve them in the path of duty I subscribe myself

Yours for the slave

S. Boutwell

P. S. Bro. B.'s address is Samuel Beane Theo Sem. Andover Ms. His health may be such that he will not deem it expedient to go, but the probability is altogether in favor of it.

James Boutwell

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Dear Brother.

I recd. some days since, an appointment as delegate from the Mass. Abolition Society to the National Convention to be held next week at Albany.

Nothing would ~~be~~ give me more pleasure than to be present at that meeting. Since it was first decided to hold such a Convention I have regarded it, as the time when questions of more importance than ever ^{yet} came before the Abolitionists of this Country, would be decided. Be assured, that I should respond to ~~this case~~ ~~to~~ Enquiry "Will you come to the aid of the slave at this juncture, by consenting to serve as delegate", promptly in the affirmative did circumstances permit. But as I am unable to go myself, I have endeavored to procure a substitute. and have succeeded.

Brother Beane, is out of health, and expects soon to go to N. H. I have proposed to him to act as delegate from our Soc. & take Albany in his way. he consents to do so if the Ex. Committee see fit to give him a commission, & I wish through you to present his case before them.